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NORTH KOREEA MUTUAL PROBLEMS"

1. ON SEPTEMBER 3 EMBOFF DICK C. ADAMS WAS APPROACHED BY THREE NORTH KOREANS DURING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY. ALL THREE NORTH KOREANS WERE FRIENDLY TO THE POINT OF FLATTERY, AND EACH IN TURN SAID THAT A FOURTH NORTH KOREAN, SECOND SECRETARY HAN TONG-CHOL, WISHED TO MEET WITH ADAMS AND EXTENDED HIS GREETINGS. ONE OF THE THREE, ATTACHE HO TONG-CHOL, INDICATED THAT HAN WISHED TO DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. THEY INDICATED THAT HAN HAD BEEN SEEKING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH A CONVERSATION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. ADAMS TURNED ASIDE THE APPROACH AS DIPLOMATICALLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION WAS FRIENDLY

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SMALL TALK. THE OTHER TWO NORTH KOREANS WERE TRADE

MISSION CHIEF KIM YO-HA AND THIRD SECRETARY CHON YONG-CHIN.

2. IN MAY 1972 ADMAS MET HAN ONCE AND EXCHANGED ABOUT TWO OR THREE SENTENCES WITH HIM DURING A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION. IN JULY 1972 ADMAS MET KIM AND CHON AT THE ROMANIAN PAVILION AT THE JAKARTA TRADE FAIR AND HAD A SOMEWHAT LONGER CONVERSATION WITH THEM. AT THAT TIME, KIM WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE RUDE AND INSULTING, AND HIS PERFORMANCE ON SEPTEMBER 3 WAS IN MARKED CONTRAST. THESE ARE ONLY PREVIOUS CONTACTS ADAMS HAS HAD WITH THESE MEN.

3. THE SEPTEMBER 3 APPROACH WAS NO DOUBT DIRECTED TO ADMAS BECAUSE OF HIS LONG BACKGROUND IN KOREA AND ABILITY TO SPEAK KOREAN. THERE IS NO DOUBT THEY WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN HAN AND ADAMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY KNEW IN ADVANCE THEY WOULD MEET ADAMS AT THIS SPECIFIC RECEPTION.
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